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Examiner	:	Goldberg, Jeanine Anne
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction / Election of Species Requirement from the Examiner mailed November 18, 2005. Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.